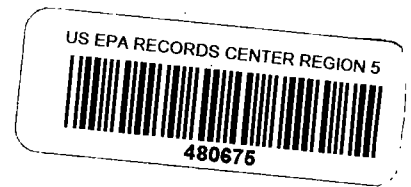




UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590



June 27, 2013

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Edward Wagner
Heyl Royster
102 E. Main Street
Suite 300
Urbana, IL 61803

Re: J & R Tire Fire
Hoopeston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has been conducting response actions at the J & R Tire facility located at 103 E. Maple Street, Hoopeston, Illinois, under authorities vested in it by the Oil Pollution Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. These actions have been necessary to address risks posed to human health and the environment that have resulted from a fire at the facility and efforts to put out the fire. A summary of these actions can be found in the attached Pollution/Situation Report.

More work remains to be done including the treatment and discharge of approximately 4 million gallons of run-off water. In order to ensure that the on-going work continues and is completed without interruption, the U.S. EPA needs to know whether J & R Tire is willing to perform this work. If it is not willing or able to perform the work, the U.S. EPA will have to consider completing the work. The U.S. EPA will seek to recover the costs it has incurred from the responsible parties once the work has been completed.

Please confer with the necessary parties and advise me as soon as practicable, whether J & R Tire will commit to performing the necessary response actions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (312) 353-3804.

Sincerely,

Steven P. Kaiser
Associate Regional Counsel

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